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SECRETARY'S MOPHING SUMMARY FOR JUNE 15, 1989

EXCISE

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1. CHINA: MIXED SIGNALS
POLITBURO STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER

QIAO SHI WAS GIVEN PROMINENT TREATMENT BY PEOPLE'S DAILY YESTERDAY IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE ATTEMPTS AT CONCILIATION, INCLUDING QUOTES THAT IT WAS "NATURAL THAT PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS AND DOUBTS" IN WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE "COMPLICATED SITUATION." QIAO PLEDGED TO PROMOTE SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY AND IMPROVE THE LEGAL SYSTEM. MEANWHILE THE LEGAL SYSTEM ARRESTED TEN COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES, " INCLUDING THREE STUDENT LEADERS IN BEIJING ON SUNDAY, ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE MEDIA. OVER 1,300 HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, INCLUDING EIGHT WHO WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH IN BEIJING ON JUNE 17. CHINESE SPOKESMEN CONTINUED TO CRITICIZE THE UNITED STATES FOR GIVING SANCTUARY TO FANG LIZHI AND CRITICIZING THE CRACKDOWN. PEOPLE'S DAILY QUOTED A LEGAL SCHOLAR AS SAYING THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS VIOLATING BOTH CHINESE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, WHILE A SPOKESMAN CITED US USE OF FORCE AGAINST PROTESTERS IN THE 1960S AND 70S. WHILE THE GOVERNMENT CANCELLED ALL EXIT VISAS, REQUIRING NEW CERTIFICATION,

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